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SUBJECT: POWER PLAY ON LIBYA'S HEU TRANSFER COMMITMENTS

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1.(S/NF) Summary: Working-level Government of Libya (GOL) representatives reported that preparations were underway for transfer of Libya's high  
MOVING SLOWLY...BUT IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION?

2.(S/NF) During a June 27-29 DOE visit to the Tajoura Nuclear Research Center, Dr. Ali Gashut, Secretary of the National Authority for Scientific  
FLIGHT OF THE TOXIC WASTE

3.(S/NF) The Tajoura facility is planning to receive DOE containers in late July, which will be used to transport the nuclear spent fuel to Russia.

4.(S/NF) The GOL has made clear that it does not want its high-level waste to return to Libya after it has been treated in Russia. The GOL has  
BUREAUCRACY AT WORK

5.(S/NF) MFA A/S-equivalent Fituri tempered Gashut's optimism regarding the GOL's nuclear spent fuel-agreement during a July 6 meeting with the

6.(S/NF) Comment: Fituri's comments hint at power-jockeying within the Libyan bureaucracy, and post expects to receive positive news on the agreement.